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WHY THE DOGS AND CATS?

FOR thirty days or more the residents of Nye county have been suffering great distress of mind owing to the quarantine placed upon household pets by the state sanitary board, which decreed the death of all dogs and cats found at large within reach of a state officer formally commissioned as lord high executioner. Up to date no one has heard of any functionary being appointed and commissioned or instructed to hunt coyotes in their haunts and lairs with the intention of destroying them. Why should this discrimination exist? The dogs and cats are just as inoffensive and innocuous as ever they were. They are not running around biting people, but the coyotes are, according to reports from certain sections. Then the Bonanza wishes to inquire why the state quarantine board should discriminate between the tame and healthy dogs and cats in favor of the wild and dangerous pests from the hills. It naturally occurs to a man up a tree that the sensible course to pursue would be to get after the coyotes or other denizens of the desert that are alleged to be preying on domestic stock and spreading rabies over the land. When this plague of rabies descended on the state through importation from California and Oregon, the cattlemen held a council of war at which every county in the state was invited to send a representative. Nye county was represented by W. A. Marsh, then county commissioner, who cheerfully assented to a suggestion that every county in Nevada subscribe to a fund for the extermination of coyotes. This county forthwith donated \$5000 to the cause and the money, presumably, was spent in slaying obnoxious animals in the northern and eastern sections of the state. No accounting has ever been rendered and the Bonanza simply is willing to take the word of the disbursing agent that the money was applied to the purpose specified, that of eradicating a pest that was causing the stock and sheepmen pecks of trouble. The action was a salutary measure, as a public spirited proposition, but it begins to appear as though Nye county and Tonopah are to hold the sack and become the goats of the coyote craze. Admitting that the pest has worked down to the southern country, why should the southern citizens, who have done more than their share in the task of extermination, be called upon to dally longer with the orders of the quarantine board by tying up domestic pets and enduring a lot of annoyance in checking the indiscreet efforts of favorite dogs and nomadic felines from venturing out whenever the door is open? Governor Boyle, through his long and intimate acquaintance with Nye county, knows the dens of the pests are not usually found in the haunts of man, and therefore he is urged to explain to the taxpayers why he should continue to commission a shotgun officer to walk around the streets of Tonopah with license to kill, maim or destroy, in any way that occurs to his erratic fancy, animals that are prized in every household. The representative of the state police is not going to catch coyotes right in front of the postoffice, where he spends a goodly portion of his time, which might be more appropriately occupied in beating up the jungles of the desert or in baiting traps for the rabid brutes that are said to frequent the outskirts of camp. Never was there ever a more monstrous proposition put up to the people and it is high time that Governor Boyle and his advisers take some more practical steps to control the spread of the dread disease in this section. In the first place the taxpayers would relish a report on the disbursement of their \$5000 and then have an explanation of the reason why there have not been any official coyote hunters thrown into the field, as there were in Humboldt and Elko counties.

This nightmare of rabies has grown into an obsession that alarms without benefitting anyone. The evil has been magnified until a stranger would be pardoned for thinking his life was in jeopardy if he comes into the vicinity of Tonopah. In fact, some of the venerable fossils elected by accident to the present assembly are seriously talking of levying a tax of ten or fifteen dollars a head on the dogs of the state. Better levy a tax that will enable the state to pay ten or fifteen dollars a head for coyotes instead of trying to find inexperienced Indian boys willing to take the princely wage of \$50 a month under the pretext that they are earning the money by hanging around Tonopah. The average citizen will understand the situation when his notice is directed to the fact that of all the hungry looking coyotes seen in this vicinity only one was observed in broad daylight, while the others were figments of the imagination of certain convivial gentlemen struggling homeward after midnight. In this way a scare has been thrown into the hearts of the administration at Carson City, which should have acted differently, if the facts were as serious as represented, by taking the field in force and proceeding to exterminate the coyotes instead of hunting down and harrying the pets that do so much to cheer us in our hours of solitude and help the kiddies to gain a little diversion.

If coyotes are wanted, let the state place a bounty of ten dollars a head on the brutes and every man capable of bearing a gun will spend his idle hours in combing the desert to pull down the scalp that will net him something more than the cost of powder and shot.

REGULATING THE MAILS

THE Democratic administration is convinced that the chief object of running the government is to make it as distasteful as possible for the average citizen to live at peace with his neighbor. The latest exemplification of this doctrine is found in the efforts to restrict the advertising space of the newspapers by appointing a national censorship that will pass upon all matter seeking entrance to the publicity columns. If this discipline were only properly applied it would redound to the advantage of the publisher, who stands as a target for every kind of pestering nuisance that has money enough to invest in a postage stamp. The Bonanza would make it a penal offense for publicity agents to bombard newspaper offices with tons of literature that serves no useful purpose and compels the employment of a baling press and an office boy to clear away the accumulations after assorting the daily mail. There are all kinds of patent nostrums, alleged witticisms sold by the column, boiled plate factories that cry out against the high price of print paper and then urge the printer to waste some of his valuable space in placing their ideas before the people. The automobile makers and the manufacturers and inventors of all kinds of noise making devices for the use of autoists are among the worst frequenters of the mails. These people who never pay a dollar for advertising seek something for nothing and pay the postoffice for catapulting their unbaked stuff into the editorial sanctums of the land. If there is to be any censorship by the government let it begin with the

quacks and nostrum peddlers who seek to insinuate their wares into newspaper columns without paying for the privilege. The government is one of the worst offenders in this respect. The army and navy pay the magazines owned by millionaire concerns liberally for their space and then shoot out tons of stuff to the small dailies and weeklies with a request that the extracts be printed as "matter of news." There is no news in this class of material, for every editor knows to his sorrow that matter reaching his desk without a money consideration is neither news nor advertising and therefore should be consigned to the wastebasket. The only brightness to the spectacle is offered this year in the high price and scarcity of coal and wood that enables the publisher to get some brief return from the tons of waste paper pouring into his office. Nevertheless, this paper is willing to forego the kindling if it will only induce the government to enter on a policy of suppression by diverting the funds paid for postage on this class of matter to feed the poor of Belgium or anywhere else. Perhaps it would not be regretted if the postoffice authorities of Los Angeles would check the flood of advertising of Arizona and New Mexico wildcats emanating from the southern metropolis and employ the fund so saved in buying a few square meals for the hungry and needy of that burg.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR PEACE DOVE TO FIND LANDING PLACE IN EUROPE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The address which President Wilson delivered yesterday before the senate was sent to American diplomats in the belligerent countries last Monday, two days before the United States received the note from Minister Balfour of the British foreign office, supplementing the entente reply to his peace note, and on the same day that German Foreign Minister Zimmermann declared it was impossible for the central powers to openly lay down their terms.

The president's address was intended as an open message to the world of the conditions under which he would urge the United States to enter a world federation to guarantee future peace. Not until word had been received from the diplomats abroad that the copy had been received did President Wilson arrange to make the address to the senate.

There is nothing in the address or in the instructions accompanying its presentation that will of itself neces-

sitate an answer, according to the administration view, but some response nevertheless is expected from both groups of belligerents. Confidential information that the entente reply to President Wilson had convinced Germany that another step by her would be unwise, convinced American officials that unless the United States gave a further opening the whole peace movement would come to an end. The address to the senate was taken as a possible means of avoiding that result.

Fear of a "leak" surrounded the sending of the address abroad, with such secrecy as has seldom been equalled in the state department. Only President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and the men who transmitted it are known definitely to have been aware of it.

Both French and British ambassadors denied any knowledge of its existence even after it had been delivered. Naturally they refused in any way to discuss it.

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